

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to builder compositions obtainable by bringing

- a) crystalline sheetlike sodium silicate of the formula $\text{NaMSi}_x\text{O}_{2x+1} \cdot y\text{H}_2\text{O}$, where M is sodium or hydrogen, x is a number from 1.9 to 4 and y is a number from 0 to 20.
- b) water and
- c) an acidic, H^+ -releasing component, where the
- d) molar ratio of the crystalline sheetlike sodium silicate a) to the total amount of the releasable H^+ of the acid component c) is 4 : 1 to 1 000 : 1 and the
- e) molar ratio of the water b) to the total amount of the releasable H^+ of the acidic component c) is 3 : 1 to 1 000 : 1.

into contact with one another.

The invention also relates to laundry detergents, cleaners, compounds and water softeners comprising the builder compositions according to the invention.